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Applicant(s): Cain

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Alive Messages in a Communication Network

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 18, 2007, please amend this application as follows: